NEW YORK THEATERS

Little New on the Boards Along Broadway-German Theater a Failure.

the German Theater, which was opened nine months ago at Fifty-ninth street and madison avenue, in the expectation of becoming the future home of the universal coming the future home of the universal company of sixty is employed in the procedure of the story goes, braved privations, suffered untold hardships, and all duction, which is the most pretentions. York, but was shipwrecked, principally | penses. through conflicts of interest and general mismanagement, is given over to the first production of an operetta by the nposer and librettist of "The Merry Widow." Next week this pretty playhouse, decorated by Alfons Mucha, becomes the home of American art, and day. will henceforth resound to the echo of

Merry Widow," but is extremely amusing through the antics of one Pfefferkorn, who has the leading role, and is interpreted by Emil Berla. If Berla could be that the operetta is presented in a way that leaves room for criticism, both as costuming and mounting, "Der Rastel-binder" pleased immensely on its first production by its inherent tunefulness and

The Lambs Club is arranging another big tour of some of the principal cities with a company that will embrace the my embarrassment by interpolating fic-leading stars in the country, and Victor titious words the audience laughed at me. Herbert, with his band of fifty pieces. The first performance will be given at them laughing, if possible. I have never the Metropolitan Opera House, in this city, on May 24. New Haven, Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Washington, Bal-timore, Cleveland, Pittsburg, and Chicago are included in the itinerary up to the

It is either a feast or a famine in the way of theatrical productions in New York. This week there is practically nothing new on the boards, while the immediate future is rosy with promises of good things. At the Herald Square Bertha Galland closed her downtown engagement in "The Return of Eve" on Friday night, and goes uptown to open the new Plaza Theater, thus setting at rest the rumor that she is to retire. Her place at the Herald Square is taken by the new musical comedy, "The Beauty Spot," by de Koven and Joseph Herbert, which is expected to run all summer at this playhouse. On Monday afternoon Joseph Weber produced at his theater for a series of matinees a new piece, called "The Cli-Monday night sees the first New York production of Clyde Fitch's latest "A Happy Marriage," at that ise. At the Belasco Theater Blanche Bates is succeeded by "Going Some," a comedy by Paul Armstrong and Dodson is featured.

"A Stubborn Cinderella," which has been play. running for several months at the Broadway Theater, closed to-night, and the Sothern's performance of "Richelleu"

in London. There was a line of ticket buyers outside the Colonial Theater on ner, and speculators were doing a land-was w office business. She had a veritable ovation after her first song, "When the Right Girl Comes Along." stalls and gallery going mad over her. Her clothes are irreproachable, the latest London mode, and she wears them as if she had never known petticoats and corsets. In the manly togs of an Eton youth, a watering-place Johnnie, and a Tommay Atkins. she sang "My Word, He Is a Naughty members of the Irving Place Theater feats alternately surprising and laughbracing three vaudeville acts and 7,000 Boy" and "Jolly Good Luck to the Girl Stock Company. Mr. Frohman's contract able. Another treat will be afforded by feet of the latest and best films. Among that Loves a Soldier." Flowers were with the authors, Armand Caillavet and the celebrated cartoonist and raconteur, the vaudeville numbers are performers of thrown on the stage, and at the end she Robert de Flers, gives him the exclusive had to make a little speech of apprecia-rights to "Love Watches" in Great Brit-Morning Telegraph; Augusta Glose, the Burke, Bailey & Rogers, and Harry

this season at least, and the scenery of to do "Love Watches" from Germany. Mary Johnston's metrical drama, "The Goddess of Reason," has been stored. Rumor has it that New York is to see a Richelleu and in his repertoire of standard and popular plays, and has still another week to run before his engagement comes to a close.

At the Irving Place Theater the management staged a tremendous sensation last week when they put on "Gretchen," a comedy, by Davis and Lipschutz, two May 28; Nixon Theater, Pittsburg, evenlast week when they put on "Gretchen," a comedy, by Davis and Lipschutz, two daring German farce writers, who had their comedy played 20 times, who had nee and evening, May 29. their comedy played 240 times in Vienna, but have only recently effected a modification of the official prohibition of the cession they have been compelled to de-odorize their work of much of its flavor of scandal, which shocks the sensitive. It was played with wonderful dash and brilliancy by the competent company of the only remaining German theater in Place Theater, and which brought every town, and without any emasculation. The reputation of the farce must have preceded it, for the house on the opening night was the largest of the season. Gretchen is the heroine of an episode that involves the fate of a contemptible little play for himself, and ten minutes after tions of a city through her delightful negotiation with the representative of the authors. The gentlemen that Gretchen will not be proof against comedy are Oscar Blumenthal and Gustemptation. It would be dangerous to tay Kadelburg, the same authors who enter into more circumstantial details. gave us "At the White Horse Tavern."
The audience was suspended between The name chosen by Mr. Belasco for the The audience was suspended between laughter and astonishment throughout the evening. Nothing more bold has ever been put on the stage, though not an offensive word is spoken and the whole performance has an air of absorbing delicacy. Gretchen was played by the lead-ing comedienne, Hermine Hollmann, and the prince by Magnus Stift, the leading man of the company, with Gustav Con-radi, a famous comedian, in a prominent part as the burgomaster.

Daniel Frohman has once more taken the initiative in arranging for a benefit for a needy professional. Clara Morris is reported to be ill and in extreme need at her home in Yonkers, where she is occupying a house cumbered with debts which she cannot meet. The benefit performance, for which a great many professionals have volunteered, is to take place on Friday afternoon, April 16, under the auspices of the Twelfth Night Club. Actors as well as managers, and some prominent nonprofessionals, are taking an interest in the event. Julia Arthur

New York, April 10.—The last week of (Mrs. B. P. Cheney) has sent \$250 for a that he had led a busy, adventurous life, up-to-date revision of "McFadden's Flats," dramatic art of the fatherland in New been only sufficient to pay her living ex-FRED. F. SCHRADER.

PLAYS AND PLAYFOLK.

"Der Rastelbinder," translated, means & Singer the rights to "The Girl Ques- and that never even in his days of comi-"The Mouse Trap Peddler." The plece is tion," which will be used to exploit James without the sensational features of "The J. Corbett. When last offered it was a musical comedy. Perhaps the music will pose as a singer.

At the Auditorium Theater, Baltimore, "Telegrami" Carroil McComas is lead-ing woman and Elsie Raymond will play morrow evening. to the quality of the musical resources of the little company and in point of Kershaw will head the company in a special engagement

Nora Bayes, when asked recently when by the excellent playing of several of the she discovered that she could make people laugh, said:

"It was an accident. When I first went upon the stage I sang ballads. One night forgot my lines, and in trying to cover attempted to sing anything serious since then.

appear under the direction of his old managers. His initial vehicle under the new contract will consist of an entirely new version of "The Vinegar Buyer," which was the work of Herbert Hall Winslow. With this play Mr. Kendall week intervening between the engagement of Marie Cahill and "The Whirtment of Marie Cahill and "The Whirt

By a misinterpretation of a somewhat pre-existing contracts. vaguely worded programme credit was withheld from Mr. Marshall Farnum for his really capable work in "Circumstan-

ter, say that the suit is an attempt to take advantage of the success of the

show goes to Philadelphia and subseis the most elaborate that has been given duction of the play ever seen on the neys, quently to Boston for a summer run, with of the famous Bulwer Lytton's play in American stage, and he comes here sup-John Barrymore and Sallie Fisher still in this country. Not only from a standpoint ported by the most important dramatic of scenic investiture and costuming is the Vesta Tilley has returned to these production a superb work of art, but shores after an absence of several years Sothern has interwoven into the play's action a musical setting of rare beauty Many of the melodies are selected from Monday night that extended in dim per-have been unearthed by Sothern from spective down the street to the next cor- old and obsolete tunes, and one number

Charles Frohman, through his attor-Julia Marlowe has closed her tour for Theater, claims that he secured the rights a-tete, French chansens, imitations of the and dramatic subjects.

the all-star gambol and tour of the "Lambs' Club" will open with a performspecial season of classic plays at the ance at the Metropolitan Opera House Academy of Music by Miss Marlowe, in May 24. A short tour has been booked conjunction with Mr. E. H. Sothern. The as follows, the participants in the gambol latter followed her recently at Daly's Theater in his first appearance here as Theater, New Haven, matinee, May 25; Boston Theater, Boston, evening, May 15; Academy of Music, Brooklyn, matinee, May 26; Hammerstein's Opera House, Philadelphia, evening, May 26; Belasco Theater, Washington, matinee, May 27;

David Belasco has been the fortunate one to secure for production next season To get even this con- one of the most remarkable comedies written in recent years. This is no less a work than the German play "Die Thur ins Freie," which was seen recently for the first time in America, at the Irving manager in New York hustling for its rights the moment they read the criti-cisms the next morning. But Belasco did not need to read the criticisms. He was in the first night audience to see the English version is "The Open Door," and the adaptation is to be made by Leo Ditrichstein. The comedy will be pro-

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Knights Were Bold," in these words: "In days of old there lived a man, morrow.

whose name we all know, and whose story has been told and retold, and will be handed down to our posterity-a man for whom the sands of time were almost manner that makes life worth living will run, but who, feeling, despite the fact, find plenty of food for reflection in the that he might find and drink from the and complete of its kind on the road. fountain of perpetual youth. Who knows but what the spirit of this indomitable soul has found reincarnation in the body specialiles, side-splitting situations, song of one Francis Wilson, comedian, who hits, and comedy that is entirely devoid for so many years sung his lay and his of suggestiveness or horseplay. Thirty Caruso has canceled his engagement at way into the hearts of the theatergoing the Metropolitan Opera House and salls for Europe on the Mauretania on Wednesday.

H. H. Frazee has secured from Askin and the theatergoing the theatergoing the theatergoing of the piece. The comedians are capable, the music tuneful and catchy, and the settings and suppositious. We only know that there is an indefinable charm about Mr. Wilson, and that never even in his days of comic many years sung in stay and in suggestiveness of horsepay. They opera has he been more wonderfully voking than in his present vehicle.

musical comedy. Perhaps the music will The central figure in "When Knights be eliminated, as Mr. Corbett does not Were Bold" suits this distinguished actor perfectly and affords him the greatest opportunity for fun-making that he has transferred bodily to Broadway and made a stock company under the direction of Mr. Wilson with an exceptionally wellto play the role in English as well as he Will A. Page and Paul Benjamin will balanced company and a very handsome ter season. This band, which four years does in German, the success of the opera inaugurate a spring and summer season. production, and will present the comedian ago won nearly all band contests at the would be assured. In spite of the fact The opening play will be Mrs. Tempie's in "When Knights Were Bold" at the St. Louis Exposition, was invited to

Columbia-"The Whirlpool,"

been witnessing the rehearsals are being soulfulness with which it enters into aroused to the highest point with refer- the idiosyncrasies of each composer. ence to the forthcoming production by It ripples playfully through the fantas-Wagenhals & Kemper of "The Whirl-pool," which will be presented to the pub-later will be sighing through one of lic for the first time on any stage at the Schubert's serenades or summoning tem Columbia Theater, in this city, on Monday evening, April 26. The play is by Maximilian Foster, the well-known points and I decided from that time on to keep Maximilian Foster, the well-known novel-Maximilian Foster, the wein-known lover ist and magazine writer, who has brought together in his play persons in the extremes of the New York social structure tremes of the New York social structure. Ezra Kendall and Liebler & Co. have decided to join forces once more. Beginning next fall, the comedian will again appear under the direction of his old managers. His initial vehicle under the Dalton, William McVay, and others. Following is a native of St. Paul, Minn., and women a story that, it is confidently believed, will surely take foremost place among present-day dramatic successes. The company is headed by Katherine Grey, and includes such sterling actors as Dorothy Dorr, Alma Kruger, Charles Dalton, William McVay, and others. Following is a native of St. Paul, Minn., and graduated in music from the New England Conservatory of Music. He organized two army bands before going to the Philippines. During his seven years are provided to join forces once more. Beginning next fall, the comedian will again appear under the direction of his old managers. Winslow. With this play Mr. Rendan week interval will start a tour that will take him across the continent to the Pacific Coast devoted to local commencements and devoted to local commencements are devoted to local commencements.

Belasco-E. H. Sothern,

The Belasco Theater plays the strongest tial Evidence," the clever little sketch card of its season in the week beginning which was one of the features of the bill April 26, presenting Mr. E. H. Sothern in organization ever seen with this actor. reputation

Chase's-Vandeville,

Chase's next week will offer "The Van Dyke," the celebrated one-act comedy drama adapted by Cosmo Gordon Lennox helmer in new comic songs. The motio was written by King Louis XIII of from the French of Eugene Fourniet pictures will present the latest comedy Perinque, which scored an immense hit creations and dramatic playlets. in London at the hands of Beerbohm Tree, and in New York when given by neys. Dittenhoefer, Gerber & James, be- Mr. Arnold Daly. It will be played by gan suit last week against the Irving the Harrison Hunter company. The sup-ture man" of Washington, will in the Place Theater to recover damages for plementary principal feature will be the future provide Sunday concerts for the the alleged unauthorized production of great continental spectacular novelty fur- Gayety. "Love Watches" at that theater by the nished by the Willy Pantzer company in selected programme will be offered, emmembers of the Irving Place Theater feats alternately surprising and laugh- bracing three vaudeville acts and 7,000 ain, America, Canada, and Australia, gifted pianologist and entertainer, in her Beaumont. The motion pictures will in-Otto Well, manager of the Irving Place delightful interlude of songs talked tete-

walk of women, and other witty diver sions; Wilbur Mack and Nella Walker, in "The Girl and the Pearl," described as a Mr. Robinson Locke, of the Toledo and company in Bill Blithers, Bachelor, Times, prefaced his criticism of Francis
Wilson's performance in his play, "When
Knights Were Bold," in these words: advance sale of reserved seats opens to-

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Belasco-Philippine Band, At the Belasco Theater to-night the

celebrated Philippine Constabulary Band will render a concert, selected from its ver had. Charles Frohman has provided repertoire of over a thousand pieces, injourney from far-away Manila by President-elect Taft (at that time) to take part in the inauguration ceremonies. It now making a farewell tour of the Expectations among those who have country. A feature of its work is the The leader of the band is Capt

"Meditation, the Last Hope". Gottschalk of the Philippines" "Reminiscences of All Nations".

Columbia-Fred Niblo.

This evening Fred Niblo, the humoristwhich was one of the features of the bill April 26, presenting at the at Chase's last week, which merited, a selected repertoire of plays. In the with the proper mentioning of names, all course of his engagement Mr. Sothern fully entertaining illustrated "Talks of fully entertaining illustrated". that was said about it at the time. He is a brother of Messrs. William and Dustin Farnum, and it seems probable that will be seen in widely diversified plays, which will evidence his great versatility in Farnum, and it seems probable that he will soon be quite as well known as the elder members of the trio.

and give theatergoers an opportunity to delightful pligrimages, which he styles a see him in "Hamlet," "Lord Dundreary," and "Richelieu." In these three plays zigzag journeys through London, from Windson Castle to Whitesharel Include Some," a comedy by Paul Armstrong and Rex Beach, which had a preliminary tryout last season, Miss Bates going to the West End for a week. On the same evening Raymond Hitchcock goes into the New Amsterdam, where Robert Mantell Easiest Way" is in substance the same has been filling the time for four weeks in a revival of "The Mascot," with Flora Zabelle as Bettina, and "The Traveling Salesman," after eight months, vacates the Gaiety to-night to make room for The House Next Door," in which E. J. Dodson is featured.

Charles H. Doscher, president of the Romance of the last season in eccentric comedy, romantic drama, and Shakespearean tragedy. As Richelleu, which Mr. Sothern plays for the first time in this city, he has given this latest and greatest addition to his gallery of portraiture. The actor brings to the role a study of character that commenced with his earliest stage experience, when he played in John McCullough's support in Bulwer Lytton's great play. Mr. Sothern is said to reach the greatest height in his art in his portraiting feature to this most popular tor, say that the suit is an attempt to trayal of this role, making it a wonderful of any of the series of talks. Seats are character study, filled with the charm on sale at the box office, and judging that was a noted part of Booth's great from the mail orders received, there will performance in the part. Mr. Sothern has be a large audience accompany Mr. Nit given "Richelieu" the most elaborate pro. lo on the last of his series of zigzag jour-

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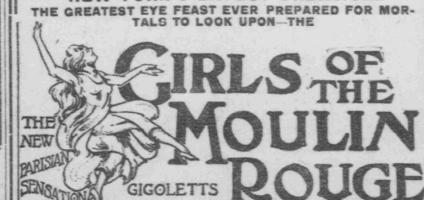
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